

# Governor's Commission for a Drug Free Indiana

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## Comprehensive Community Plan

**County: Owen**

**LCC: Drug Free You and Me Council of Owen County**

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## **Plan Summary**

**Mission Statement:** The mission of the Drug-Free You and Me Council of Owen County is:

- to actively involve community members interested in establishing and maintaining a county-wide council;
- to reduce the drug and alcohol problems in our county;
- to be a resource for schools, businesses, government, and our community; and
- to work to fund resource projects and programs to 'not for profit organizations.'

**History:** The Drug-Free You and Me Council was formed on October 17, 1990, in Spencer, Indiana, as a part of then-Governor Evan Bayh's anti-drug initiative. The LCC has representatives from all facets of the community in an effort to coordinate our efforts to reduce alcohol and other drug abuse in Owen County. Owen County has 340 square miles and includes the incorporated towns of Spencer, Gosport, Freedom and Patricksburg. The county is rich in natural attractions: Cataract Falls, Richard Lieber State Recreation Area, and McCormick's Creek State Park. Nearly 50% of the county's workforce is employed outside the county. The majority (about 75%) of Owen County workers are employed in either manufacturing, retail trade, or service positions. 1990 sources document the average income in the county to be just under \$12,000.00, and according to the latest Federal Census, 30% of the households fall below the national poverty level. A relatively small percentage of adults (about 7%) have associates degrees or higher, while 31% of adults have less than a high school education.

**Summary of the Comprehensive Community Plan:** The Owen County LCC, 'Owen County Drug Free You and Me,' believes we are making progress in our efforts to reduce drug and alcohol problems. We are very active in being a resource for schools, businesses, government and the community. We repeat funding for projects and programs that show effectiveness in monies well spent. For instance, we continue to have a strong presence at the Apple Butter Festival each September with hundreds visiting our booth. Last year, we had over 320 complete a drug perception survey which helped us understand the perception of youth and adult drug use in the county. In the past, we've supported the county schools with Red Ribbon Week activities and sponsor a Red Ribbon March to the courthouse with local children and government officials. Our continued support of a local treatment provider assists with relapse prevention. And, our continued support of local law enforcement has helped increase alcohol-related arrests which have decreased fatalities. We continue to support youth prevention activities in the community and schools.



## Problem Identification

**Problem Statement #1:** Youth and adults in the county abuse substances, including alcohol, tobacco and other drugs.

**Supportive Data:**

- The 2000 Indiana Prevention Resource Center Survey of Owen County students found that 46% of high school juniors had used alcohol in the last month, 39% of high school juniors had used cigarettes in the last month, and 29% of high school juniors had used marijuana in the last month. These figures are all higher than the state average in each category.
- Owen County court cases indicate continued use of alcohol and other drugs by adults and youth. There were 170 adult and juvenile cases in 2002.
- Owen County Law Enforcement reports that 2 meth labs in the county were busted in 2002.
- A high percentage of Owen County residents are not educated about substance abuse and misuse is common.

**Year 1 Update: (2005—no Update was submitted for 2004)**

- The 2004 Indiana Prevention Resource Center Survey of Indiana students found that 36.5% of high school juniors had used alcohol in the last month, 25.1% of high school juniors had used cigarettes in the last month, and 17.2% of high school juniors had used marijuana in the last month. These figures are all higher than the state average in each category.
- Owen County court cases indicate continued use of alcohol and other drugs by adults and youth. There were 234 adult and juvenile cases in 2004.
- Owen County Law Enforcement reports that 5 meth labs in the county were bused in 2004.
- A high percentage of Owen County residents are not educated about substance abuse and misues is common.

**Year 2 Update: (2006)**

- From the Apple Butter Festival Survey taken by the LCC with 329 respondents, 248 (75.4%) reported there was a youth drug problem.
- Of the youth who responded (161 under 18), 114 reported there was a youth drug problem, 70.8% .
- Of the youth who responded, 34.8% reported there was a youth marijuana drug problem, 15.5% that there was a youth alcohol drug problem, 14.2% that there was a youth meth drug problem, and 19.8% that there was a youth tobacco problem.
- Of the adults who responded (168), 134 (79.7%) reported that there was a youth drug problem.
- Of the adults who responded, 33.9% reported that there was a youth marijuana drug problem, 11.3% that there was a youth alcohol drug problem, 25.6% that there was a youth meth drug problem, and .035% that there was a youth tobacco problem.
- 264 Drug and alcohol related counts filed in 2005 by the Prosecutor's Office, 249 of those were adults; 15 were juvenile
- OVWI counts filed in 2005 by the Prosecutor's Office were 113, 27 of those were felony cases.
- 4.78% of the 2005 Prosecutor's Office filings were for Possession of Methamphetamine; 4.6% were for Possession of Marijuana

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**Objectives:**

- **Support prevention/education programs provided through the schools and other community organizations, with an emphasis on proven prevention strategies.**
- **Provide healthy alternative activities for children and youth, especially after school and during school break.**
- **Increase general public awareness of local issues related to substance abuse reduction efforts and programs.**
- **Continue to support and encourage the activities of the Owen County Local Drug-Free Youth organizations and clubs and encourage participation in the State Point of Youth Board and its activities.**
- **Support mentoring programs and organizations operating in Owen County.**
- **Support tobacco education/prevention and cessation programs for youth and adults.**
- **Support alternative schools for expelled students and dropouts.**
- **Explore funding opportunities for youth at risk to attend higher education schools.**
- **Support tutoring currently provided by the Probation Department and Safe-Haven After School Programs.**
- **Participate in State and National education/awareness campaigns such as, The Great American Smoke-Out, Red Ribbon Week, etc.**

**Year 1 Update: (2005—no update was submitted for 2004)**

- LCC funded \$10,790.00 in the Prevention/Education category in FY 2004.
- Spencer PD gave awareness program on meth to the Neighborhood Association, Moose Lodge, and all of the schools in 2004.
- LCC funded the Afternoons R.O.C.K. program in FY 2004 for \$2,000.
- LCC passed out literature at the Apple Butter Festival in September, 04.
- The SADD Club at Owen Valley High School has sent youth to the Youth Summits in Feb 04 and Oct 04. The SADD Club has also raised funds for a needy family and tsunami victims. Owen Valley Middle School Youth attend the monthly LCC meetings, the Youth for Youth Conference, C.R.A.S.H. Club and 4-H Fishing Club, "Hooked on Fishing."
- The LCC funds programs at the YMCA and Big Brother Big Sister of South Central Indiana. Owen Valley High School SADD Club participated in Bowl for Kids Sake.
- Teena Jennings, the Director of the Tobacco Group, is a very active member of the LCC. She does presentations all over the county to both youth and adults. She also conducts cessation classes. Rick Stoddard spoke at the high school.
- The LCC gave the alternative school a grant of \$1,000 in 2004.
- LCC gave out two scholarships for youth to attend higher education.
- The Probation Department is no longer providing tutoring. Both Safe Haven and Afternoons R.O.C.K. provide tutoring.
- The LCC sponsored the Red Ribbon March for Red Ribbon Week. There were over 1,000 elementary school-aged children from grades 2-12 in attendance at this event. High school and middle school participated in Kick Butts Day and High School Prom Promise.

**Year 2 Update: (2006)**

- LCC developed survey for Apple Butter Festival to track perception of drug use by youth and adults and received 329 respondents. Brochures and general drug prevention awareness information was provided at Festival.
- Owen Valley High School SADD continues to be active in sending youth to Youth Summit and in hosting a Parent's Awareness session
- 'Hooked on Fishing' program provides drug-free activities for children, public awareness and community awareness projects.
- LCC provided \$600 to Drug Court
- C.R.A.S.H. Club at middle school provided MethWatch Kit training to businesses as a service learning project.
- Middle School hosted a meth education session for entire school through their Channel One system.
- Youth participated in Kick Butts Day and high schoolers participated in the High School Prom Promise, pledging that they will not drink on Prom night.
- LCC helped fund Afternoons R.O.C.K. and Safe Haven programs for tutoring and drug-free activities.
- LCC supported Indiana Dream Team's efforts, a non-traditional treatment facility in area.
- Summer Day Camp area schools.

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**Goals:**

- Fewer Owen County youth and adults will abuse substances resulting in positive changes in the supportive data shown above and other indicators related to substance abuse.

**Year 1 Annual Benchmarks: (2005—no Update was submitted for 2004)**

- No benchmarks were provided in approved update as submitted.

**Year 2 Annual Benchmarks: (2006)**

- More statistics on ATOD use were able to be obtained
- From 2004 to 2005, we are seeing an increase in stats from the Spencer Police Department due to additional equipment and better training. Meth charges increased from 2 to 3 and OVWI increased from 28 to 67.

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**Problem Statement #2:** Individuals and families facing issues associated with addiction do not have a full range of affordable, accessible intervention, treatment and aftercare resources and programs available.

**Supportive Data:**

- There are no in-patient treatment services available in Owen County.
- The Center for Behavioral Health reports that there are AA and NA groups meeting in Owen County. There are also Intensive Out-Patient (IOP) options available; an Adolescent Brief Intensive Group and an Adult Intensive Group.
- As reported by the Economic Development Center, 13.4% of Owen County residents live in poverty. Individuals without insurance or financial resources are no longer able to access inpatient/residential services on demand, either in or outside the county where they reside.
- Although 85% of Owen County residents live in rural areas, there is a Rural Transit program available in the county that is not utilized by many residents.



**Year 1 Update: (2005—no Update was submitted for 2004)**

- Same as above. No updated information was submitted in approved Plan Update.

**Year 2 Update: (2006)**

- In 2005, 54,711 trips were made by the Rural Transit services, an increase of 6,498 over 2004.
- According to Hamilton Center, there is an increase in AA groups, now with 2 meetings per week and a new one starting in Lake Hollybrook area with 3 participants.
- One Al-Anon group is starting.

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**Objectives:**

- Support the development of self-help support groups for teens and adults in Owen County.
- Provide supportive services for spouses and children of people seeking treatment for addictions.
- Create more awareness of the Rural Transit System that is available to rural residents.
- Advocate for additional funding from the State and Federal governments for addictions treatment.

**Year 1 Update: (2005—no Update was submitted for 2004)**

- LCC gave a grant to Hamilton Center for Relapse Prevention in 2004.
- Parent Enrichment Seminar was held in September, 2004.
- LCC gave a grant for Relapse Prevention in 2004.
- LCC gave out information about the Rural Transit System at the Apple Butter Festival in September, 2004.

**Year 2 Update: (2006)**

- LCC provided information about the Rural Transit System at the Apple Butter Festival in 2005.
- Support and help promote the A.A., Al-Anon, and N.A. groups.
- Continue supporting and promoting the Rural Transit System.
- LCC provided treatment materials to the Indiana Dream Team.
- LCC provided funding for Relapse Prevention/Addiction services to Hamilton Center.

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**Goals:**

- There will be more opportunities for citizens with addictive illnesses to access suitable intervention, treatment and aftercare services in Owen County.

**Year 1 Annual Benchmarks: (2005—no Update for 2004 was submitted)**

- No benchmarks were provided in approved update as submitted

**Year 2 Annual Benchmarks: (2006)**

- There was an increase in the amount of trips provided by the Rural Transit System from 2004 to 2005 (6,498), indicating that more are accessing services.
- A.A. groups are increasing, especially with the start of a third group in the Lake Hollybrook area.

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**Problem Statement #3:** Law enforcement and justice programs in the county are overwhelmed with the demands on the system created by substance abusing offenders.

**Supportive Data:**

- Owen County Court reports that 80-90% of criminal cases have a direct or indirect association with substance abuse.
- According to the local Police Department's statistics for Owen County:
- in 2000, there were 60 reported incidents of family violence;
- in 2001, there were 109 reported incidents of family violence;
- in 2002, there were 120 reported incidents of family violence
- 80% of victims report alcohol and or drugs were a factor in the violence.
- In 2002, 38% of juvenile cases involved alcohol/drug related charges.

**Year 1 Update: (2005—no Update was submitted for 2004)**

- No updated supportive data was provided in approved update as submitted

**Year 2 Update: (2006)**

- According to Spencer Police Department, there has been a substantial increase in the number of OVWIs, from 28 in '04 to 67 in '05; IC from 23 in '04 to 36 in '05.
- According to Spencer Police Department, marijuana charges for Jan - July, 2006, are 22, double the amount for the same period in 2005.
- According to the Prosecutor's Office Annual Report for 2005, 310 of the 669 cases filed were ATOD related

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**Objectives:**

- Support the development of drug courts for both teens and adults.
- Advocate for additional training for officers and justice personnel related to substance abuse issues and resources.
- Support Alcoholic's Anonymous programs in the County jail.
- Provide assessment services, drug testing and treatment for offender populations.
- Provide appropriate equipment and materials for local police and justice agencies for programs/services related to substance abuse reduction.

**Year 1 Update: (2005—no Update was submitted for 2004)**

- The LCC did not address the development of drug courts in 2004.
- The LCC paid for a member of Law Enforcement to go to Many Voices One Vision Conference in August, 2004.
- (A.A.) Pamphlets were available at the Apple Butter Festival. LCC members told jail inmate at A.A.
- LCC provided money for the Probation Department to do Drug Testing in 2004. Testing strips were passed out in the community by the LCC.
- LCC provided drug-testing supplies, a digital camera and computer to be used for presentations in 2004.

**Year 2 Update: (2006)**

- LCC provided funds for the drug court in 2005.
- LCC provided funds to the Prosecutor's Office for OWI blood draws.
- LCC provided funds to the Owen Co Sheriff's Department, K-9 unit.
- LCC provided funds to Spencer Police Department for four Alco-Sensor units.
- Encourage and support additional training for law enforcement officials in OWI and drug-related situations.

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**Goals:**

- Police and justice organizations within the county will be able to encourage and support positive outcomes for substance abusing offenders, thereby reducing caseloads, recidivism, and the number of domestic violence cases, over the long term.

**Year 1 Annual Benchmarks: (2005—no Update was submitted for 2004)**

- No benchmarks were provided in approved update as submitted

**Year 2 Annual Benchmarks: (2006)**

- Spencer Police Department was a strong presence at the 4-H County Fair in 2006; LCC provided materials on substance prevention and abuse.
- Spencer Police Department is very action with two leadership roles on the LCC.
- Law Enforcement and justice organizations have meth brochures.

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**Problem Statement #4:**

Drunk drivers cause traffic deaths and injuries in Owen County.

**Supportive Data:**

- The Owen County Sheriff's Department reports that there were 138 alcohol-related crashes between 1994 and 1999.

**Year 1 Update: (2005—no Update was submitted for 2004)**

- No additional supportive data was provided in approved update as submitted

**Year 2 Update: (2006)**

- In '04, there were 28 OVWI arrests by Spencer Police Department.
- In '05, there were 67 OVWI arrests by Spencer Police Department.
- To date in '06 (Jan - July), there have been 32 OVWI arrests by Spencer Police Department.
- While arrests were up in '05, there were no drunken driving fatalities in Spencer in 2005.
- According to the Owen County Sheriff's Department, in '04, there were 251 Property Damage accidents, 6 of which were alcohol related; 76 personal injury accidents, 6 of which were alcohol related; 1 drug related; 9 fatalities of which 6 were alcohol related.
- According to the Owen County Sheriff's Department in '05, there were 300 Property Damage accidents, 23 of which were alcohol related; 87 personal injury accidents, 15 of which were alcohol related; 3 fatalities, none of which were alcohol related.

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**Objectives:**

- Support public education efforts for teen and adult drivers related to impaired driving.
- Advocate for requiring assessment and treatment for drunk driving offenders.
- Provide resources for law enforcement to apprehend drunk drivers.
- Promote the use of programs such as Pre and Post Prom Activities, SADD activities and other related school activities to support drunk driving prevention.

**Year 1 Update: (2005—no Update was submitted for 2004)**

- The LCC passed out literature on the dangers of impaired driving at the Apple Butter Festival in September, 2004.
- The recommended action for advocating for requiring assessment and treatment for drunk driving offenders was not addressed by the LCC in 2004.
- The LCC purchased equipment for DUI Enforcement in 2004.
- The LCC gave money to the high school for Post Prom activities and SADD activities in 2004.

**Year 2 Update: (2006)**

- The LCC passed out literature on the dangers of impaired driving at the Apple Butter Festival in September, 2005.
- The LCC purchased equipment for DUI Enforcement in 2006.
- The LCC gave money to the high school for Post Prom activities and SADD activities in 2005.
- The LCC provided funds to the Drug Court in 2006.

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**Goals:**

- There will be fewer alcohol-related crashes resulting in fewer deaths and injuries in coming years.

**Year 1 Annual Benchmarks: (2005—no Update was submitted for 2004)**

- No benchmarks were provided in approved update as submitted

**Year 2 Annual Benchmarks: (2006)**

- There were no drunk driving fatalities in Spencer in 2005.
- From '04 to '05, there were no alcohol-related fatalities according to the Owen County Sheriff's Department.
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***Please attach the County's Fiscal Report for review!***

**Next Annual Update Due: August 2008**

**Next Comprehensive Community Plan Due: August 2007**

**Date of Community Consultant Review: Sept. 5, 2006**

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**Terms and Conditions:**

The information and data provided is presented as factual and accurate. I hereby acknowledge that I can be asked to submit proper documentation regarding the data submitted within the Plan. Failure to do so could result in a "denied approval" by the Commission under IC 5-2-6-16.

The Local Drug Free Communities Fund must be spent according to the goals identified within the plan. I hereby acknowledge that I can be asked to submit proper documentation regarding funds that are collected, allocated, and disbursed within the county. Failure to do so could result in a "denied approval" by the Commission under IC 5-2-6-16.

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**Owen County Drug-Free Communities Fund  
2005 Financial Information**

Total Deposits according to the Auditor:

January 1, 2005 – December 31, 2005	\$14,162.86
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Fund Allocation per category:	\$ 4,000.00
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January 1, 2005 beginning balance: \$20,251.26

**Prevention:**

Owen Valley Middle, CRASH Club	\$1,118.25
Youth for Youth Conference fees for 30+ youth	
Afterschool Programs	2,000.00
Afternoons ROCK & Summer Day Camp for 150 youth	
4-H Fishing Team	<u>800.00</u>
Drug-free/prevention activities for 50 youth	
	\$3,918.25

**Treatment:**

Owen County Drug Court	\$2,000.00
Drug Court services	
Indiana Dream Team	500.00
Group treatment resources and materials	
Hamilton Center, Addiction services	<u>877.50</u>
Alcohol test strips/drug panels for Relapse Prevention Svcs	
	\$3,377.50

**Justice:**

Spencer Police Department	\$1,744.00
4 Alco-sensor units	
Owen County Sheriff, K-9 unit	2,000.00
K-9 unit expenses	
Prosecutor's Office, OWI	<u>600.00</u>
OWI Blood draws	
	\$2,844.00

**Miscellaneous:**

Red Ribbon Week activities/Apple Butter Festival supplies	
	\$1,500.00
2 scholarships	\$1,000.00
Supplies (ink, mtg supplies, etc.)—est.	200.00
Booth Rental	107.00
Spencer Evening World (News)	55.00

\$16,000.00 was allocated for the calendar year and \$15,318.96 was actually spent as of 12/27/05.

Amount of unused dollars from previous years: \$15,318.96  
per auditor's statement ending December 31, 2005

Grant Application Process according to the By Laws:

Article 6: Grants

- 6.1 In a comprehensive effort to make Owen County free from the problems associated with alcohol and other drugs, local Drug-Free Community Funds are available to support education/prevention, intervention/treatment, and criminal justice programs.
- 6.2 Any voting member may apply for funding from the Drug-Free Council. An associate member may apply for funding only after securing a voting member's sponsorship. All applications must be tax exempt organizations.
- 6.3 All persons or organizations requesting funding are required to file a grant application with the Owen County Drug-Free Council. Applications can be received from any Executive Board member. Completed applications may be returned to the Board of Directors for consideration.
- 6.4 The Executive Board will examine the requests during the first schedule meeting following receipt of the application. Applicants are encouraged to attend the Council meeting to present their applications and answer questions regarding their funding requests.
- 6.5 The Executive Board will review the applications and the funding requested and make their recommendations to the Owen County Commissioners for final approval.
- 6.6 Any person or organization receiving approval for a grant is required to assign at least one person to attend the LCC meetings. Funded organizations must attend a minimum of six meetings during a twelve month period. They must also serve two hours on any fund-raising projects sponsored by the council. A funded organization that fails to meet these requirements will be placed on probation and prohibited from reapplying for funding for a period of one year.
- 6.7 Any person or organization receiving a grant must complete a program evaluation form and return it to the council within one month following the completion of the project. Program evaluations forms will be distributed with the grant application forms.